

Stockbridge

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standing that if he were needed as head of the department at times other than his regular shift, he would receive overtime pay. According to Stockbridge, he has received 31 hours of overtime, accumulated for the most part during the week following the recovery of stolen goods on Margin Street.

Selectmen originally thought that Stockbridge could be appointed Acting Chief, work the Chief's day-time hours and receive his salary in an effort to save the town overtime money. A conflict ensued, however, between a Civil Service law which prohibited the appointment of an Acting Chief when a chief's position wasn't available, and the police contract which requires corresponding

pay for more responsible work assumed.

Charles Humphreys, counsel for the town, ruled this week after discussing the matter with Civil Service Attorney Rasmussen, that the Selectmen have the authority to assign a lower ranking officer to perform the duties of the chief if it were considered in the best interest of the department.

The title of Acting Chief, Humphreys noted, could only be appointed in the temporary absence of the chief due to sickness or disability, not during regular vacation leave.

Even if an appointment of Acting Chief is made by Selectmen, Humphreys continued, Civil Service points are not accumulated unless the appointment is made after certification by the Civil Service.

However, since Chief Feola's current status remains that of one absent on vacation, Lt. Stockbridge can't assume the post of Acting Chief. Selectmen struck a compromise by appointing Stockbridge to the chief's duties as lieutenant-in-charge, a move which is governed by the police collective bargaining contract.

Sgt. John Rhodes will work 4 p.m. to midnight rather than his usual 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift, when Stockbridge begins his daytime hours.



SLIPPERY STROLL FINDS Bob Tis and friend sliding more than walking along Lily pond while, below Bob Baker has an easier way to negotiate ice — skates.

[Greg Derr photos]

Drama Ducats Still Available

The Cohasset Dramatic Club has a few unsold tickets for opening night of the award-winning musical AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' for Friday night Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each. If you are interested, call Ron Massa, president of the club at 383-0490.

Town Accident Policy Eyed

Jack Skala, insurance representative from MacIntyre, Fay and Thayer Insurance Co., discussed accident insurance coverage for full-time fire fighters and police officers with Selectmen last week.

Skala recommended a plan which would pay up to \$25,000 for accidental death or dismemberment, \$10,000 for accidental medical treatment, and \$100 weekly disability for 104 weeks. The annual premium, which would cost \$3,519, would cover these employees against accidents which occur as a result of

activities performed in the line of duty.

Skala said that the plan was meant to give required coverage for special risk employment and at the same time limit the town's responsibility to injured employees. Selectman Arthur Clark said that while he was concerned about protecting the town from lawsuits in the case of an employee accident, he wondered if it was legal to have a policy which would relieve in part the town's responsibility to pay an accident victims salary and medical bills.



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